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Mr. William Driscoll  
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National Council of Irish Americans  
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Dear Mr. Driscoll,

I have your letters of 17 September and 16 December 1974 concerning allegations that the Central Intelligence Agency has been acting in Northern Ireland.

You will understand, I trust, that there are, in this day and age, continual allegations about this, that or the other supposed "operation" involving the CIA. The Director is charged by law with the protection of intelligence sources and methods. In consonance with this charge, it has been our general tradition not to comment -- one way or the other -- on the spectrum of allegations about us.

I hope you will understand, therefore, how we cannot address ourselves to the matter which you have raised in your letter.

The Director is, of course, grateful to you for having shared your thoughts on the matter with him.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer*

Angus MacLean Thuermer  
Assistant to the Director

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